

and laid down a Bag of Corn in the Ring ; the little Girl took me by the Hand, making Signs for me to go out of the Circle with them : but not knowing their Custom, I supposed that they designed to kill me, and would not go out with them. Then a grave Indian came and gave me a short Pipe, and said, in English, Smoke it : then took me by the Hand and lead me out, but my Heart aaked, thinking my self near my End ; but he carried me to a French Hut about a Mile from the Indian Fort. The Frenchman was not at Home ; but his Wife who was a Squaw had some Discourse with my Indian Friend, which I did not understand. We tarried about two Hours, and return'd to the Village, where they gave me some Victuals. Not long after, I saw one of my Fellow-Captives, who gave me a melancholly Account of their Sufferings, after I left them &c.

SECT. VI. After some Weeks had past we left the Village, and went up *St. John's River* about ten Miles to a Branch called *Maddockscencasis*, where there was one Wigwam. At our Arrival an old Squaw saluted me with a Yell, taking me by the Hair and one Hand ; but I was so rude as to break her hold, and 'quit my self : ---She gave me a filthy Grin, and the Indians set up a Laugh---so it pass'd over. Here we lived upon Fish, Wild-Grapes, Roots &c. which was hard Living to me.

SECT. VII. When the Winter came on, we went up the River till the Ice came down, and run thick in the River ; and then, according to the Indian Custom, laid up our Canoes till the Spring ; and then travell'd sometimes on the Ice, & sometimes on the Land, till we came to a River that was open and not Fordable, where we made a Raft, and pass'd over Bag and Baggage *. I met with no Abuse from them in this Winter's Hunting, tho' I was put to great Hardships in carrying Burdens, and for want of Food : for they underwent the same Difficulty, and would often encourage me,

* For the Indians carry their House and Household Stuff on their Backs in the Winter, and to these they add, in the Summer, their Vessels and Furniture, Provisions &c.